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Noy dismayed but Comelec satisfied at voting in 12 regions



PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

By Philip C. Tubeza and Christine O. Avendaño

DELAYED deliveries of voting materials and other glitches yesterday forced the postponement of barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections in 1,732 villages around the country, but poll officials appeared largely satisfied, saying balloting pushed through in more than 90 percent of precincts in at least 12 regions.

Gov't says elections generally peaceful; 5 dead



DELAYED ELECTIONS

AT LEAST FIVE people were killed yesterday during the barangay elections which police and military officials said went relatively smoothly compared to the 2007 exercise.

No classes in public schools today

THE DEPARTMENT of Education (DepEd) has decided to suspend classes in all public elementary and high schools today to give an extra day of rest for teachers who manned polling precincts in yesterday's barangay elections.

Young RP scientists strut stuff

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Racer takes streetkids on read-along



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Asean ties, OFWs top agenda of Aquino visit

By Leila B. Salaverria

WITH MISSIONS to improve relations with neighboring countries and to promote human rights and the welfare of Filipino migrant workers, President Aquino will fly to Hanoi today for his first-ever state visit.

P-Noy to run gov't affairs from Hanoi

By Christine O. Avendaño

Lawmakers now prudent on gov't travel costs

By TJ Burgonio

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Quality debates

₱235-M EU grant to probe RP extrajudicial killings

By Cynthia D. Balana

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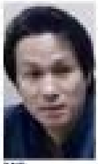


Clean up mess, candidates in barangay, SK polls told

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After 'jueteng,' Santiago slams jai alai



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GRADE 1 pupils ... Quezon City.

High school graduate

Biology

Nitpicking

Kill the messenger

Proof of the pudding

'I was deprived'

Calligraphy, boxing

School of hard knocks

'Isn't that enough?'

Riding into sunset

Young RP scientists strut stuff in nat'l convention

Yarn-powered cleanup

Cagayan de Oro River

Vermi-composting



Killing giant worms

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Freeze on execs' perks stays amid SC case, says Palace

Stop PCSO transfer, Morato asks high court

By Jerry E. Esplanada

Lotto operators

Limited medical aid

SC fires Ecija clerk of court

By Marlon Ramos

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'Learning' modules

Storytelling basics

Laugh-out-loud

Wacky reading

Why do Facebook users unfriend people?

Lower social status

'FB' while on the job

Risks of voyeurism

RP COMMITMENT

More Pinoys as UN peacekeepers

By Jerry E. Esplanada

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AN URGENT STRATEGY FOR POVERTY REDUCTION

We strongly believe government must encourage responsible parenthood and promote family planning as a direct strategy for poverty reduction and maternal and child healthcare. The active role envisioned for government in the promotion of family planning is in keeping with the expressed desire of a significant majority of Filipinos as manifested in major national surveys.

While various parties and interested sectors may provide advice and guidance to parents on alternative choices regarding family size and the means to achieve their desired objective, we believe these are decisions ultimately for the parents themselves to make.

We believe such a focused policy of family planning must provide lowest-cost access for the very poor to the services and materials to implement their free and informed choice.

We would be unequivocally opposed to any measure that condones abortion in any way, limits free choice, and mandates the means to implement such choice.

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P-Noy to consult legislators on review of VFA

By Christine O. Avendaño

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The scent of cash

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

Writing on the wall

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Securing our economic future

No Free Lunch



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Journalists getting together

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Rina Jimenez-David

Noy's 'comfort zone'

Newsstand



John Nery

'Here for a reason'

Young Blood

Gabriella Garrido Pontejos

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twenty-something and below.—Ed.

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GMA's legacy: a daunting mountain of garbage



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Stock market investing is nothing but gambling

Across the NATION

Associate Editor: Tony Bergonia

Cagayan de Oro radioman gets death threats after illegal gambling exposé

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Groups, church block STL in Iloilo

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—Various groups here are opposing the operation of the Small Town Lottery (STL) in Iloilo province.

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'Wrong priorities'

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Villagers vote for dead bet

TAGUM CITY—They're voting for a dead candidate.

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Health

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MOBILE JAIL

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The President's choice wears yellow like him

By Jo Martinez-Clemente
Inquirer Central Luzon

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Representative Gloria poll early bird no more

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Barangay polls snapshots



HIGH TENSION IN LAPU-LAPU Lapu-Lapu policemen and Central Command soldiers stand guard as election officers arrive with the ballot boxes at Punta Engaño Elementary School on Monday. Earlier, supporters of Barangay Chair Lourdes Ibag and her opponent Angel Rodriguez figured in a shoot-out in Sitio Lapu, some 200 meters from the school and barangay hall, that left one dead and three others injured.



VEEP'S VOTE Vice President Jejomar Binay casts his ballot at San Antonio National High School in Makati City.



NO UNTOWARD incident was reported during Monday's voting in Payatas, Quezon City. The barangay had been dubbed an election hot spot.

ELECTION officials in the country's richest barangay—Forbes Park in Makati City—tally votes for the new village officials.





RESIDENTS of Batasan Hills in Quezon City look for their names on the voter's lists.



ROSALINDA Torino, 35, casts her vote while breastfeeding her 5-month-old son Ralf in Barangay 649, Baseco compound, Manila.



RESIDENTS of Tubuaran wait for their turn to vote outside the polling precincts.

IN THE KNOW: From the Malay word 'balanghai'

"BARANGAY" is derived from the Malay word "balangay," which refers to a wooden boat large enough to carry a small clan of Malay settlers to the Philippines during the precolonial period.

The Local Government Code of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 7160) defines the barangay as the country's "basic political unit." It serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies and programs and as a forum where people may express their opinions and where disputes may be settled amicably.

A barangay is created by virtue of a provincial or city ordinance, subject to a plebiscite conducted in the concerned area. In cities and municipalities in Metro Manila and other metropolitan areas with highly urbanized cities, a population of at least 5,000 is necessary for an area to be considered a barangay. In other areas, at least 2,000 inhabitants are needed.

Each barangay is headed by a barangay captain, the chief executive who enforces laws, maintains public order and approves vouchers relating to disbursement of funds.

Every barangay also has a Sangguniang Barangay, the legislative body that enacts ordinances and passes annual and supplemental budgets. It is composed of the barangay captain as presiding officer, seven elected sangguniang barangay members and the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) chair.

The SK, also present in every barangay, is composed of eight elected officials—one chair and seven members—who are tasked to "promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the youth in the barangay."

The country has a total of 42,000 barangays in 1,496 municipalities and 138 cities.

—*Lawrence de Guzman, Inquirer Research*

Sources: Local Government Code, Inquirer Archives

No classes in public schools today

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our teachers exerted during the conduct of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections, particularly their having to wait for election materials practically overnight."

"This suspension is a token to give our courageous, dedicated and persevering teachers time to rest after a long poll duty," Luistro said.

He also said the DepEd would take another look at a proposal to make poll duties for teachers optional.

"We have already actually written and made our representation with Comelec (Commission on Elections) on our request to make the teachers' involvement in the elections optional. But that may require some legislation, because currently teachers are mandated to serve," Luistro said.

"Maybe that will be something that we'll have in the next elections," he said.

The DepEd will also press for its earlier request for Comelec to add P1,000 to the P2,000 honorarium of the some 450,000 teachers tapped for the elections.

Delays, vote-buying mar polls in provinces

Vote-buying

Problems in Bicol

Visayas ballots

Mindanao watchers

No balloting in 1,732 barangays



Effect of 'Juan'

Voting reset for today

Why the delay?

Done in 16 days

Also Bicol

PPCRV wants probe

Gov't says elections generally peaceful; 5 dead



PNP count

Blast victims

Violence in Abra

Rioting

Younghusbands forge 2-2 RP draw with Laos



Basketball lures Pacquiao again

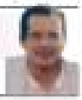


Racela all set to bang sneakers



A 'lovesick' Margarito could be dangerous

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad



Kuwait, not Saudi, RP five's first foe

Big KJDM win for Yes Pogi

POC taps SGV audit expertise



SGV chair and managing partner Cirilo P. Noel (left) and POC president Jose S. Cojuangco, Jr. seal the memorandum of agreement with a handshake. At right is SGV deputy managing partner J. Carlito G. Cruz.

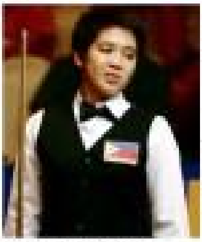
La Salle Greenies B-League top pick

SPORTSWATCH

'Bakbakan' gets going in Pasay today

LGBA series fires off at the Big Dome

SPORTS



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Aplus METRO

Same problems dog barangay polls

Voters complain about long lines, missing names

PEACEFUL and orderly but with the same old problems.

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Relevant force

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Good turnout

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Missing pages

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TATTOOED inmates of the Quezon City jail choose their barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials in yesterday's synchronized elections.

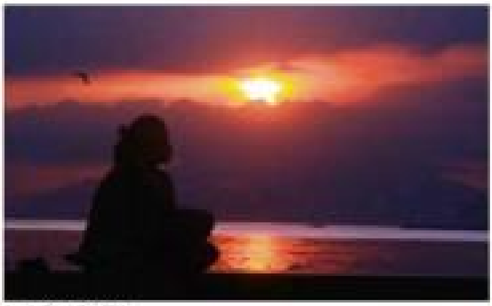
Mix-up over delivery of ballots mars voting process at city jail

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SUNSET SILHOUETTE

Same problems dog barangay polls

System error

Protest

Same old woes

Jumbled names

Flying voters in jeeps

Voting in comfort

Jeepney driver with traffic violation runs over enforcer

SC in a tight spot

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



TRICK OR TREAT GEAR

MetroBriefs

Body found in river

Malabon exhibit opens on Oct. 28

Too many poll watchers main complaint at posh village

By Tina G. Santos



RESIDENTS at Payatas, Quezon City look for their names in voters' lists posted outside polling precincts.

Shooting match

Planted flying voter

Same problems ...

Election litter

Vote-buying in Makati

Fight inside polling precinct



A TEACHER puts indelible ink on a voter's forefinger at San Agustin Elementary School in Parañaque City.

Afghan war: 600 foreign troops killed this year



Final week of campaign before US poll



Drug, alcohol abuse growing among Iraqi forces

Haiti cholera toll over 250, but new cases tapering off

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Iraq's top court orders Parliament back to work

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US under pressure on WikiLeaks allegations

LONDON—Washington on Sunday came under increasing pressure to investigate allegations in the leaked Iraq war documents published by WikiLeaks, which Britain's deputy premier called "shocking."

Governments and human rights organizations alike put the focus on answers to the allegations made against US, allied and Iraqi troops as the whistleblowing website released 400,000 classified US military documents.

The flood of material from 2004 to 2009 offers a grim snapshot of the conflict, especially of the abuse of Iraqi civilians by Iraqi security forces.

The heavily redacted logs appear to show that the US military turned a blind eye to evidence of torture and abuse of civilians by the Iraqi authorities.

WikiLeaks claim the documents reveal around 15,000 more civilian deaths than were previously known about.

What is US answer?

British Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg called the allegations "extremely serious" and said people would be wanting to hear "what the answer is."

"We can lambast how these leaks occurred but I think the nature of the allegations made are extraordinarily serious. They are distressing to read about," he told BBC television.

"I'm assuming the US administration will want to provide its own answer.

"Anything that suggests that basic rules of war and conflict and of engagement have been broken, or that torture has in any way been condoned, are extremely serious and need to be looked at.

"People will want to hear what the answer is to what are very, very serious allegations of a nature which I think everybody will find quite shocking." There was no immediate reaction from the Barack Obama administration to the calls for an investigation, and little eagerness among Republicans to delve into the low points of a war that came to define the administration of George W. Bush.

Rep. Pete Hoekstra, the ranking Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, said the document release "opens up old wounds."

"If there is information about criminal activity, follow it up. If there is a systemic problem, follow it up," he said on Fox television.

Painstaking review urged

Australia joined Iraq war allies Britain and the United States in saying that the leaks could put troops' lives at risk.

Australian Defense Minister Stephen Smith vowed a "painstaking" review of the documents.

Denmark's military also said it would study the documents amid reports that the classified files reveal wrongdoings by Danish soldiers.

"We want to see the documents for ourselves and compare them to our own information," Danish Defense Command spokesperson Torben Kjeldsen told AFP.

According to Danish media, the documents reveal how Danish troops had handed over 62 prisoners to Iraqi authorities, despite warnings they would likely face abusive treatment.

The files published Friday contain graphic accounts of torture, civilian killings and Iran's hand in the Iraq war, documenting years of bloodshed and suffering following the 2003 US-led invasion to oust dictator Saddam Hussein.

Other reports describe Iraqis beating prisoners and women being killed at US military checkpoints.

The files also show Iran waging a shadow war with US troops in Iraq, allegedly using militias to kill and kidnap US soldiers.

Human Rights Watch said Iraq should investigate reports that its forces systematically tortured and abused detainees.

"The US government should also investigate whether its forces breached international law by transferring thousands of Iraqi detainees from US to Iraqi custody despite the clear risk of torture," it said. AFP



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BUSINESS



Gov't net borrowings up 188% in 9 months

New debts incurred hit P672B

THE GOVERNMENT posted P309.5 billion in net borrowings in the first nine months of the year, up by 188 percent from P107.4 billion a year ago, according to the Bureau of the Treasury.

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43.300



STOCK MARKET

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Moratorium imposed on banks' hybrid capital issues

MORATORIUM B2

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Target capacity may be increased up to 2,650 MW



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Asia Pac countries urged to open up labor markets

No FX inflow controls, Bangko Sentral vows

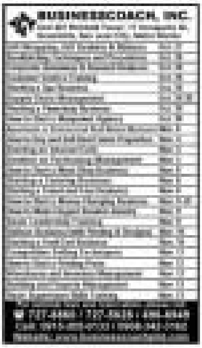
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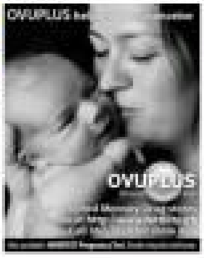
Union Bank profit up 25% to ₱4.25B

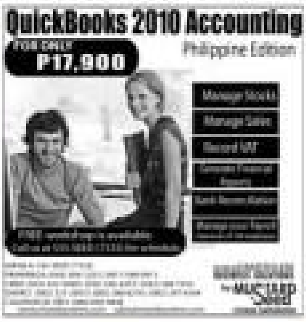
















Producers Bank acquires Negros' biggest rural bank

Credit Suisse unit obtains trading rights

Expanding outside Luzon

New ball game at TKC

Market Rider



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BUSINESS

New tariff EO out before year's end, gov't says

Sanyo unveils green energy solutions

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OVER 5,200 solar panels are installed in Sanyo Electric's new Kasai Green Energy Park

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Agencies nearing end of talks on 11,490 lines

By Abigail L. Ho

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LRT wants to lend trains to MRT

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More SMEs tapping technology

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Coral Bay expands nickel facility

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Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan

LIFESTYLE Wellness

HSBC fun run draws more than a thousand participants

The come-on: Rajo Laurel-designed singlet

By Anni A. Jardines

WHEN HSBC announced it will celebrate its 135th anniversary in the country by organizing a fun run, the running community got so excited that more than 1,300 registered in just over a week.

The come-on: the autographed designer singlet by Rajo Laurel.

"When HSBC asked me to design the singlet I said, without thinking, 'Sure, I'll do it.' When I put down the phone I realized I didn't know what a singlet was," Laurel said.

He had to look it up, he said, before he learned it was a shell carrier wear for running. But he didn't stop there. He researched what materials work best, and designed the singlet in such a way that it would prevent runner's chafing.

Since he doesn't run himself, he asked his friends to road-test his early designs.

"It was challenging. I've never done anything like this. I learned the clothes you wear can cause friction when the body is in constant motion for a long period. I have to consider function into the design," he said.

Three thousand runners are expected to join the HSBC "135 Run" on Nov. 6 at Fort Bonifacio Global City. Categories are 10k, 5k and 3k races.

All runners will receive race kits with bullet bands, sports bottle, limited edition autographed Rajo Laurel singlets and finisher shirts. There is also a 500-meter dash for ages 2-5 and 6-9. Each participating child will receive race kits with singlets.

Registration is open until Oct. 31 (100-meter dash, P350; 10k, 5k, 3k, P750). Should there be a demand for more slots, HSBC will consider adding a thousand more, said Johanna Garcia, HSBC SVP for Group Communications and Sustainability.

"We weren't expecting a moment of registrants like this, especially since it's expensive compared to other races. But it's been amazing. I have friends from Cebu who registered. I asked them if they're flying over, and they said no, they just want the singlet," Garcia said.

Garcia said HSBC will get nothing from this race. All proceeds will go to Hands-On Manila's "Taking Me Kid" flagship program.



MARK Nelson with HSBC Philippines president and CEO Tony Cripps



STUDENTS from Nuestra de Fatima Elementary School in a dance performance

Hands-On Manila, a nonprofit organization, launched "Taking Me Kid" to support high-achieving students in public schools. It aims to enhance the students' potential, among others, in subjects such as math, science, English and civics. Volunteers will mentor for two hours every Saturday using teaching materials.

HSBC early this year launched a satellite program called Kulture Kids in support of Hands-On Manila's "Taking Me Kid," to promote appreciation of the arts and culture.

"This is our way of giving back to the community," Garcia said.

Mark Nelson, who has been supporting Hands-On Manila for three years now, said he would like to get more people involved in the cause.

"I love kids! There is a boost of energy you get when you help. Nothing can compare to it. It's so rewarding. More people should do it," Nelson said.

Nelson will be out of the country on Nov. 6 so he won't be able to join the "135 Run."

Register online at www.hdo.com.ph via the HSBC 135 icon or at R.U.N. (Bonifacio High Street, The Fort, Taguig), Soeleb (TriNoma, Mall of Asia) and Royal Sporting House (Ortigas, Festival Mall).



HSBC SVP for Group Communications and Sustainability Johanna Garcia and fashion designer Rajo Laurel



ST. FRANCIS SQUARE MALL AND MANDALUYONG CITY GOV'T TIES UP FOR A NEW FOOTBRIDGE

Mandaluyong City Mayor Benjamin C. Abalos Jr. is presented the blueprint of the proposed footbridge project at Julia Vargas Avenue by Mr. Luke Roxas of the St. Francis Square Group of Companies. Initiated by Mayor Abalos, the tie-up project will soon construct a P 15-M worth footbridge that will connect St. Francis Square Mall to San Miguel Business Center and SM Megamall. With this project, the accessibility and safety of shoppers in getting to and from the 3 giant establishments will be ensured. The various infrastructure projects in the city attract business investors to come in. In 2009 alone, Mandaluyong reached P 42.25B worth of investments from 12 giant companies and real estate developers of the country.

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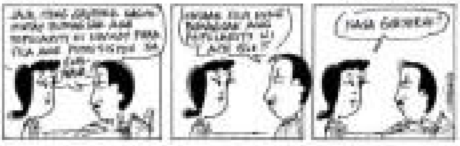
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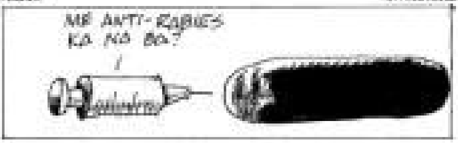
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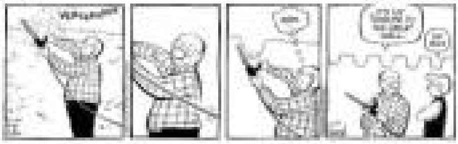


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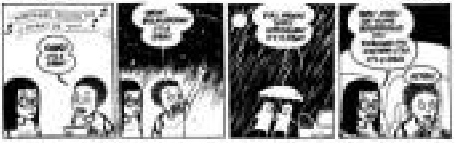


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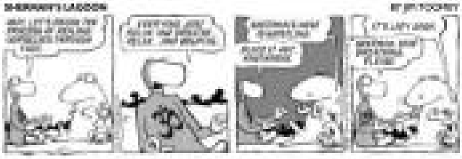




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SHERMAN'S LAGOON



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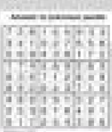
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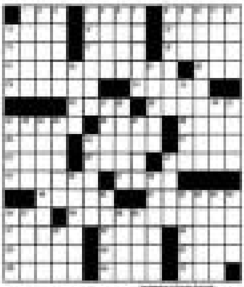
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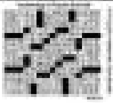
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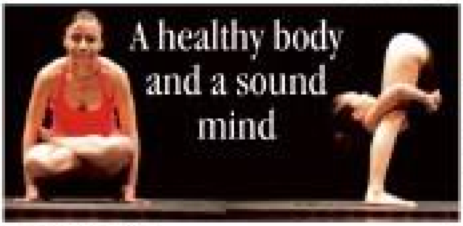
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE







A healthy body and a sound mind



THE THIRD Philippine Yoga Asana Championship on Nov. 7 at RCBC Plaza, Makati.

'Kamote' has more health benefits than white rice



Inside Out
Cory Quirino

The lowly sweet potato has zero cholesterol and zero fat

Health drink, beauty mask

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Love and Light!

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Bonnie S. Velasco

T.I. sued for skipping 'welcome back' concert



Arnel Pineda opens own club; Merk's moves to Pasay Road

By Pocholo Concepcion

JOURNEY lead singer Arnel Pineda, back in town after recording his vocal parts in Los Angeles for the American rock band's new CD, is trying his hand in the music club business.


JACK Jones: Still in shape and swinging at age 72.


ARNEL Pineda: Now a music entrepreneur with his own club.

The magic of Annie Brazil, Jack Jones

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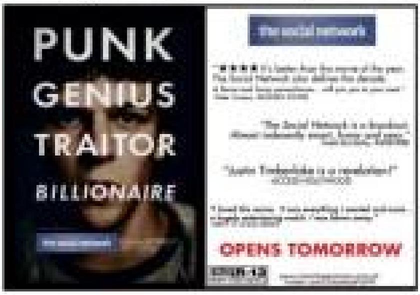

JACQUI Magno, with Richard Merk, on the first "Birdland at Merk's" gig.


ANNIE Brazil: Wispy woman can still hack it.

NU Rock Awards Oct. 29 at NBC Tent

Free tickets to Pinoy rock concert













For freaks…

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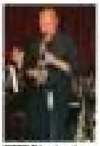


JOHNNY Cash

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Johnny Cash

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TOTS Tolentino plays against "Birdland at Merk's" show

Arnel Pineda…

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New Merk's

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Sam Pinto not a boyfriend snatcher

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

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'Class and dignity'

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Vile tweets

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David Foster No. 1 overall

THE TOP-SELLING albums in the Philippines for the week Oct. 11-17, based on Odyssey Music & Video's nationwide sales reports:

Overall

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OPM

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For freaks, monsters and children, too

Lady Gaga

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LADY Gaga: Eye-popping image

'Glee' Cast

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